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Letter of Appreciation

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15 February 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence


FROM: Avon O. Harding
Director of Equal Employment Opportunity

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

1. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for your support and personal involvement in the Carl T. Rowan program commemorating Black History Month. I am pleased to note that the Agency response to the program has been very enthusiastic. As you know, Mr. Rowan contacted the office after the program commenting on how welcome he felt and of the warmth and friendship that was extended to him.

2. Again, my heartfelt thanks.

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Avon O. Harding

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Telephone Call from Carl T. Rowan

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8 February 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Avon O. Harding
Director of Equal Employment Opportunity

SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Carl T. Rowan

Mr. Carl T. Rowan called to express his personal thanks to you and the Agency for the "first-class program sponsored by this office" observing Black History Month. He said he was honored to have been a part of it.



Avon O. Harding

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Suggested Introductory Speech for Carl T. Rowan

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PROGRAM

The National Anthem.....Assembly
Accompanist.....

Opening Remarks.....
Black Affairs Program Manager

Musical Selection.....

Introduction of Speaker.....William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Address.....Carl T. Rowan
Distinguished Journalist
and former Ambassador

Questions and Answers

Musical Selection.....

Lift Every Voice and Sing.....Assembly
Accompanist.....

Sponsored by the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity

Please remain seated until Guests have left the auditorium

ER 85-250

22 January 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Director of Equal Employment Opportunity
SUBJECT: Suggested Introductory Speech for Carl T. Rowan

Attached is a suggested draft introduction for your use when presenting Carl T. Rowan at the Black History Program on 7 February. A program agenda is also attached for your information. Please advise me if I can be of further assistance.

Avon O. Harding

Attachments:
As stated

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DCI'S INTRODUCTION OF CARL T. ROWAN
BLACK HISTORY MONTH GUEST SPEAKER
7 February 1985

Honored guest and colleagues at the Central Intelligence Agency. First of all, I want to take opportunity to affirm the Agency's strong interest in and support for this week's official recognition of our nation's black heritage.

This occasion enables us, as a member of the family of federal agencies as well as a member of the community in which we live, to unite in recognizing the contributions of a significant and important part of our population. It also provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the roots of our heritage and to remind ourselves and our colleagues of the achievements, the broad interests, and the concerns of the spectrum of American citizens employed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

In line with recognizing the contributions of black Americans there is no finer example of the best that our nation has to offer than our guest of honor--distinguished public servant, journalist, radio commentator, and television panelist Carl T. Rowan.

Carl Rowan has served with great distinction for some five years as a high official of this government. He has been honored in every field of journalism. His television special on "The Race War in Rhodesia" earned him a George Foster Peabody Award, the most prestigious in American broadcasting. He has an Emmy for the "greatest contribution to broadcasting" in the nation's capital and three other Emmys for television specials on the curse of drug abuse in America and the woes of the housing industry. The Overseas Press Club honored him for his Reader's Digest article on Thailand.

Carl Rowan, a 58-year-old veteran of 36 years in journalism, was voted "Journalist of the Year" by Washington's Capital Press Club in 1978, the same year the Ebony magazine bestowed upon him its first annual "American Black Achievement Award" for the "most outstanding contributor in the field of communications."

Mr. Rowan, a graduate of Oberlin College, is the recipient of 36 honorary degrees from many of the nation's finest institutions of higher education. He has been consistently cited as one of American journalism's loudest, strongest and most effective voices in behalf of not only the poor and disadvantaged of this country, but the world. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his book Stride Toward Freedom, credits Mr. Rowan with saving the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott.

For almost 19 years, after leaving a four and one-half year period as a top United States Government official, Mr. Rowan has been writing a widely syndicated newspaper column for the Chicago Sun-Times and, now, for the News America syndicate. Millions of Americans listen five days a week to "The Rowan Report," his series of commentaries on national and international affairs sponsored by the Chrysler Corporation and K-Mart.

Mr. Rowan has for 18 years been a roving editor of the Reader's Digest, the world's most widely circulated magazine, for which he writes several articles a year. He is one of the most sought after lecturers in the United States, primarily because of his breadth of experience as a student and civic leader, top-level government official and prize-winning correspondent on domestic and foreign issues.

Mr. Rowan was born on August 11, 1925. He grew up in McMinnville, Tennessee, where his father stacked lumber for 25 cents an hour--when work

was available. His mother did household work. From an early age, Carl has always shown himself to be one hell of a man. He hoed bulb grass at 10 cents an hour, advancing to lawn mowing at 25 cents an hour.

He graduated as valedictorian of his high school class. While a freshman at Tennessee State College in Nashville, Tennessee, he passed a nationally competitive examination, got into the Navy's V-12 program, and went on to midshipman's school to become one of the first 15 blacks in United States history to attain commissioned officer rank in the Navy.

After serving on two ships in the North Atlantic, Mr. Rowan returned to Oberlin College in Ohio as a GI-Bill student and earned a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics. He then went to the School of Journalism at the University of Minnesota where he earned a Master's Degree. In 1948 Mr. Rowan joined the staff of the Minneapolis Tribune where his writings on the flight of blacks in the south, his articles on India, Africa and Southeast Asia earned him numerous awards, including designation by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of America's outstanding young men in 1953. Mr. Rowan's first major series of articles for the Tribune led to the first of his five books, South of Freedom, which was cited by the American Library Association as one of the best books of the year. He left the Minneapolis Tribune in February 1961 when President John F. Kennedy asked him to join his administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, at that time the highest office ever held by a black person in the State Department. A year later, Mr. Rowan was appointed to serve simultaneously on the United States delegation to the United Nations.

In 1963, President Kennedy named Mr. Rowan as Ambassador to Finland. In 1964, when Edward R. Murrow became deathly ill, President Lyndon B. Johnson recalled Rowan from Finland to replace Mr. Murrow as Director of the U. S. Information Agency. In this post, Mr. Rowan became the first black American ever to sit with the President's Cabinet and on the U. S. National Security Council.

Yet most Americans today know Carl Rowan as a panelist whom they have seen for almost 16 years on "Agronsky and Company," the popular political talk show that he helped to originate. They know him as a tough questioner on "Meet the Press." Despite all this, his highest and most satisfying achievements may have been as Vivien Rowan's husband of 34 years and as the father of three professionally successful children.

It gives me special pleasure, and does the Central Intelligence Agency honor, to present to all of you a great American, Mr. Carl T. Rowan.

Executive Registry

84 - 10258

4 December 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Avon O. Harding
Director of Equal Employment Opportunity

SUBJECT: Black History Month Observance

1. This is to request your participation in our annual Black History Month observance on 7 February 1985.

2. Mr. Carl T. Rowan, distinguished columnist and commentator, will be the keynote speaker for the 1985 Black History Month observance. The Office of Equal Employment Opportunity has scheduled the program to begin at 10:00 a.m., in the Headquarters Auditorium. Mr. Rowan's address will be followed by a question and answer period, and the program will conclude at approximately 11:20 a.m.

3. We request that you greet Mr. Rowan in your office upon his arrival at 9:45 a.m., introduce him prior to his speech in the Auditorium, and host a luncheon in the DCI Dining Room following his address. The Protocol Branch, Office of Personnel, will assist us with all arrangements for this event.

Avon O. Harding

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Keynote Speaker for Black History Month

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Avon O. Harding
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Mr. Rowan also indicated that he would be pleased to have lunch with the DCI and other Agency officials during his visit. I feel this would be a good move, and could serve to improve Mr. Rowan's perception of the Agency.

Avon

\$4500⁰⁰ is the Speaker's Fee reduced from the regular \$6000. Any luncheon costs would be drawn from EEO funds.

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84-3329

2 November 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

VIA: Deputy Director for Administration
Director of Personnel

FROM: Avon O. Harding
Director of Equal Employment Opportunity

SUBJECT: Keynote Speaker for Black History Month

1. I request authorization to expend \$4500 dollars to invite the noted journalist, Mr. Carl Rowan, to be our keynote speaker for Black History Month, February 1985.

2. Mr. Rowan has agreed to give the speech to Agency employees and to meet with Agency officials during his visit with us. Mr. Rowan will add immeasurably to the success of our Black History Month observance.

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Avon O. Harding

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Executive Director

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Avon O. Harding

0945 Greeting Carl
1000 Introduce in Auditorium
1145 Host luncheon for (DCI Dining Room)

Conf. Avon Harding - 12/12/84

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